

II. Request for Modification of Restriction Requirement and Election of Claims

Without disclaimer or prejudice, Applicants submit that the claimed inventions may be grouped in the following manner:

Group I (Claims 1-12 and 13-21): Pressure isolation mechanism and fluid path set with pressure isolation mechanism (Subcombination essential to combination);

Group II (Claims 22-24 and 25-26): Drip chamber and fluid path set with drip chamber (Subcombination essential to combination);

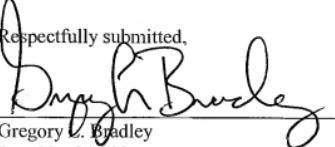
Group III (Claims 27-41 and 42-59 and 60-75): Connector, injector system with connector and fluid path set with connector (Subcombination essential to combination).

Applicants submit that the combinations as claimed set forth the details of the subcombinations as separately claimed. Consequently, under MPEP 806.05(c)(I), Applicants submit that the original restriction requirement is improper and should be modified as proposed above.

If the Examiner approves the requested modification to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group III (Claims 27-75) above for prosecution on the merits in this application.

If there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (412) 767-2400 x3021.

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